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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH ICE PRESIDENT FIGUEREDO REGARDING
CONSULATATION ON TRADE AND ECONOMIC ISSUES

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1. ON AUGUST 3 FIGUEREDO GAVE THE CHARGE AND E/C COUNSELOR AN
AIDE MEMOIRE WHICH: A) SUGGESTS PROCEDURES FOR MOVING
AHEAD WITH CONSULTATIONS; AND B) GIVES A VERY GENERAL
LISTING OF POSSIBLE AGENDA TOPICS. AN UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION
OF THE AIDE MEMOIRE IS AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN QUOTE: FOR THE PURPOSE OF ORGANIZING A SYSTEM OF
INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS AMONG A SMALL NUMBER OF DISTINGUISHED
PERSONS OF BOTH COUNTRIES, A "STEERING COMMITTEE" COULD BE STRUCTURED
THAT WOULD MANAGE THE PREPARATION OF THE SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED
AT SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS. SAID COMMITTEE, TO BE MADE UP OF REPRESENTAT-
IVES OF BOTH COUNTRIES, WOULD SLEECT THE SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED
AND WOULD BE IN CHARGE OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL ASPECTS IN ORDER TO
ENSURE BENEFICIAL RESULTS FROM THE CONSULTATIONS.

AN ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING SHOULD BE HELD FIRST IN ORDER TO DETERMINE,
IN THE AREA OF BILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS, WHAT WOULD BE THE
CONSEQUENCES OF THE ACTIONS INTENDED BY BOTH COUNTRIES WITHIN THE
FRAMEWORK OF THEIR RESPECTIVE DEVELOPMENT PLANS THAT COULD AFFECT
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THEIR MUTUAL RELATIONS IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER.

IT IS PROPOSED AS WELL, THAT THE AREA OF CONSULTATION SHOULD COVER
TRADE, INVESTMENT AND TECHNOLOGICAL ASPECTS. IN CONNECTION WITH
THE LATTER, TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION IN THE AGRICULTURAL,
INDUSTRIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL AREAS WOULD BE EXPLORED. ANOTHER
ANALYSIS AREA WOULD BE THAT OF TRANSNATIONAL COMPANIES

THEIR METHODS OF OPERATION, AND THE ROLE AND JOINT ACTION THAT THE GOVERNMENTS COULD ADOPT IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR OPERATIONS AND THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE OBJECTIVES OF DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION AGREED UPON.

OTHER USEFUL AREAS IN THE EXCHANGE OF IDEAS, AND IN WHICH A PLAN FOR COOPERATION COULD BE ENVISAGED, ARE THOSE CONNECTED WITH HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION AND SERVICES IN GENERAL.

MOREOVER, IDEAS COULD BE EXCHANGED ON THE COINCIDENCE OF OBJECTIVES AND VIEWPOINTS HELD BY THE RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES IN THE FACE OF THE WORLD'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. END QUOTE.

2. FIGUEREDO SUGGESTED THAT THE STEERING COMMITTEE BE SMALL, FLEXIBLE,

INFORMAL AND HIGH LEVEL AND THAT IT MIGHT CONSIST ON THE GOV SIDE OF MINISTER OF THE PRESIDENCY LAURIA, CORDIPLAN MINISTER AZPURUA AND FIGUEREDO HIMSELF AND PERHAPS ONE MORE OFFICIAL, MAKING THIS A VERY SELECT GROUP.

3. THE SITE OF A FIRST STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING WOULD PROBABLY BE CARACAS. FIGUEREDO SUGGESTED SOME TIME DURING THE PERIOD AUGUST 27-SEPT. -15 AS HE WILL BE ATTENDING THE IMF MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON THE LATTER HALF OF SEPTEMBER.

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4. COMMENT: THE AIDE MEMOIRE IS OBVIOUSLY BROAD AND VERY GENERAL. IT APPEARS THAT THE ICE PURPOSELY HAS GIVEN THE AIDE MEMOIRE THIS SCOPE TO ALLOW AS WIDE A PURVIEW AS POSSIBLE FOR THE FIRST MEETING
ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT IDENTIFICATION AND GREATER SPECIFICATION OF ISSUES CAN BE REACHED AT THAT TIME.

5. DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS REQUESTED.
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